

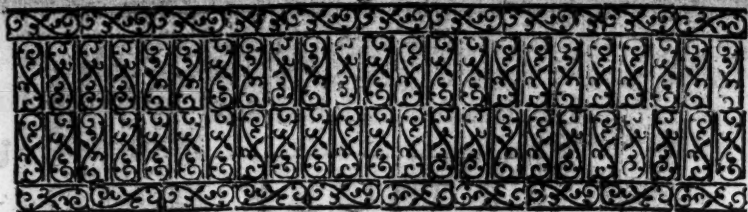
ARTICLES

TO BE ENQUIRED
OF, WITHIN THE ARCH-
deaconry of Gloucester, in the ge-
nerall Visitation of the Right
Wor: M. Samuel Burton,
Archdeacon of the Dio-
cesse of Gloucester.

Holden in the yeere of our Lord
God, 1618. In the 16. yeere of the
Raigne of our most gracious So-
ueraigne Lord James, by the grace
of God, King of Great Britaine,
France & Ireland, Defender
of the Faith, &c.



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The tenor of the Oath to be ministred to the
Church-wardens and Sworne-men.

YOu shall Swear, that vpon due consideration of the Articles giuen you in charge to present vnto ; You shall particularly present all the Wants & Defects ; and also all offences and offenders therein required of : wherein you shall deale truly and faithfully : So help you God.

LEUIT. 19. 12.

*Thou shalt not sweare by my Name falsely ; neither shalt thou profane
the Name of thy God.*



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¶ Articles concerning the Cleargie.



Whether hath your Minister read the Constitutions set forth by his Maestie, once every yere, vpon some Sundais or Holidayes, in the afternone, before diuine seruice; according as by the Canons he is bound :

2 Whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maestie, King Iames, & for the Queenes Maestie, the Prince, and all their royall Progenie, giuing vnto him such stile and title of Supreme Governour, in all causes, and ouer all persons, as well Ecclesiasticall Tempozall, as by law are due vnto him, exhorting their Parishioners to yeld him obedience, according to the same : and also in their sayd Sermons, doe pray for all Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, according to the fifty fthe Canon :

3 Whether is the prescript forme of diuine Service vsed by your minister vpon Sundayes, Holidayes, Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, according to the Booke of Common Prayer : And whether doth your minister duely obserue all the orders, rites and ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of common prayer, as well in reading publike prayers, the Letany, as also in administering the Sacraments in such maner & forme wearing the Surples, as in the Booke of common prayer by law now established, is enioyned.

4 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such time, as that euery Parishioner may receiue the same at the least thrice in euerie yere : whereof once at Easter, as by the booke of Common Prayer is appointed : And whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on euerie daie that hee administreth it to others, kneeling at the same, & administreth it to none but such as do kneele at the receiuing thereof, and vse the words of the Institution according to that booke at euerie time that the bread and wine is receiued, in such manner & forme as by the promise of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherein is hee faultie, and whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth :

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5 Whether hath your minister admitted any notorious Offenders, or Schismatiques to the Communion, contrary to the 26 and 27 constitutions, without satisfaction, by due course of Law before enioyned them; or reiected any from the Communion, who were not by publike presentment or other open scandall infamous and detected of some notorious crime, by common fame published in the Parish?

6 Whether the Minister, together with the Church-wardens and Quest-men, doe take diligent heede and care, that not onely all, and euery of your Parishioners doe receiue thys in euery yere, as aforesaid: but also that no strangers of any other Parish doe forsake their owne Minister and parish to receiue with you, contrary to the 28 Canon?

7 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the childzen with the signe of the crosse when they are baptized, according to the Booke of Common Praier, and the thirtieth canon: and whether he hath deferred, or wilfully refused to baptize any infant in his parish being in danger, hauing bene duly enjoyned of the weaknesse thereof: and whether the childe hath died in his default without baptism, contrary to the 68 and 69 canons?

8 Whether is your minister continually resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he been absent: and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he.

9 Whether doth your minister, being a Preacher, preach vsually, according to the constitutions, either in his owne cure with you, or else in some other church or chappell nere adioyning, where no Preacher is: according to the 45 Canon: or how oft hath he been negligent in that behalfe.

10 Whether is your minister a Preacher allowed: if yea, then by whom: if not, whether doth hee procure Sermons to be preached among you once in euery moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licensed, according to the 46 canon, or doth contribute toward a licenced Preacher, if his lining will beare it?

11 Whether hath your minister another Benefice, and whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate that is sufficiently licensed to preach in in that cure of his, whereon he himselfe is not resident: or otherwise, in case he doth not finde a Preaching minister there, by reason of the smallnesse thereof, whether doth hee preach at both of his Benefices vsually himselfe, according to the 47 canon?

12 Whether is your Curate licenced to serue by the Bishop of this Diocesse, or by any other, and by whom: whether doth your minister or Curate serue more cures then one, contrary to the 48 canon: if yea, then what other Cure doth he also serue?

13 If your minister doe not licenced to preach as aforesaid, whether doth

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doth he read homilies, or rather take vpon him to expound the Scriptures either in his owne cure or elsewhere, contrary to the 49 canon. If yea, then you are to present him, & specifye the place where he hath so preached.

14 Whether hath any person bene admitted to preach within your church or chappell, but such as you haue well knowen to be sufficiently licensed: whom haue you so admitted, you shall present their names, and how oft haue any such bene admitted to preach, and by whose procurement; and whether haue you caused euery strange Preacher, licensed or not licensed, to subscribe his name, together with the day whē he preached, according to the 50 and 51 canons: and if he were licensed, then by whom he was licensed: And whether haue they, or any other preached in your church, not being soberly & decently apparelled, according to the 74 canon:

15 Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher, reade diuine service, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person, twice euery yere, observing all the ceremonies in the Booke of common Prayer established, according to the 56 canon.

16 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice whilest hee is saying the publike prayers, and administering the Sacraments: and if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he also weare vpon his Surplice, during the times aforesaid, such a hood as by the order of his Vniuersitie is agreeable to his degree, according to the 58 canon.

17 Whether doth your Minister on euery Sunday and Holiday before Evening prayer, for halfe an houre or more, examine & instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his parish, in the ten Commandements, the Articles of Beliefe, & the Lords Prayer, as also the Catechisme, last set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer, whereby the children of the Parish may be prepared for confirmation, according to the 90 canon:

18 Whether hath your minister without licence from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Dioces, or his Chancelloz, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being thre seuerall Bandages or Holidayes, first published, in time of Diuine service, in the seuerall churches or chapels of seuerall abode, according to the booke of Common prayer, and the 62 canon: and that also betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenone, contrary vnto the 102 canon:

19 Whether hath your minister, since the last canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons, being vnder the age of 21 yeres, although the Banes be thrice asked, before such time as the Parents haue made knowne vnto him their consent therunto, contrary to the 99 and 100 canons: and whether hath he married any of another Diocese: and who are they: and by what authority, and when:

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20 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundaies at morning praiser, declare vnto the Parishioners, what Holidaies and fasting daies are appointed to bee kept the weeke following, according to the 64. Canon, whereby they may be put in minde to prepare themselves accordingly, and to repaire to Church to publike praiser, as by law they are bound.

21 Whether doth anie Minister in the Rogation daies, vse the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by law, and in the same perambulation, moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits, vsing such Psalmes, Prayers, Homilies, as are to that end set forth.

22 Whether doth anie man (being neither minister nor Deacon) read Common praiser openly in your Church or Chappell, or administer the Sacrament of Baptisme, or solemnize matrimonie, or take vpon him to practize anie other ministeriall dutie in the Church, that is prescribed to be executed particularlie by such, as are either ministers, or Deacons : and what is his name that so doth.

23 Whether doth your minister euerie six months denounce in his Parish, all such of his Parish, as doe perseuere in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved : and whether hath hee admitted anie person excommunicate, into the Church, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinarie or other competent Iudge, vnder his seale, according to the Canons.

24 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour & labour diligently with mildnes and temperance to conserue with, & thereby to reclaim the popish recusants in his Parish from their errors, if there be any such there being : and whether is he painefull in visiting the sick, according to the Booke of common prayer, & the canons in that case prouided.

25 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate, too much frequent, or ouer-conuersant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion.

26 Whether hath your minister, or anie other taken vpon him the place of a minister, preached, baptized children (vntlesse in case of necessity) solemnized marriage, churched anie woman, or ministered the holie communion in anie priuate house or houses : If yea, then where : whom, and how often hath he so offended in anie of the Premises.

27 Whether hath your Minister taken vpon him to appoint anie publike or priuate fasts, or prophesies not approued and established by law, or publike authoritie, or hath he attempted vpon anie pretence either of possession, by fasting & praiser to cast out diuels, contrarie vnto the 71. canon.

28 Whether hath your Minister, or anie other person or persons within your Parish, vsed to meete in anie priuate house or other place, and to holde priuate conuenticles, contrarie to the 73. Canon : if yea, then you shall

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shall present them all and euerie one of them.

29 Whether doth your Minister vse such decencie and comelinesse in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is enioyned, as hee is at home, as when he goeth abroad.

30 Whether doe you know in your parish, any that hauing hertofore taken vpon him or them the order of Priesthood, or of a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life, as a lay man, neglecting his vocation : if yea, then you shall present his name, and the place of his abode.

31 Whether is your Minister noted or defamed to haue obtained his benefice by symonie, or reputed to be an incontinent person, or doth keepe anie man or woman in his house, that are suspected either to bee of euill Religion or bad life ; himselfe to be a common drunkard, or to be a common hunter of Tauerne, Ale-houses or other suspected places ; a common gamester, or player at dice, or other vnlawfull games ; a common Swearer, or notorious person, or faulty in any other crime punishable by the Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offentious and scandalous to his function or ministry.

32 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of Thankesgiuing to to women after childbirth : and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with childe in adultery, or fornication, without license of his Ordinary : And whether haue any married wiues refused to come to Church according to the Book of Common Prayer, to giue God thanks after childbirth, if any bee faulty here in, you shall present their names.

33 Whether doth your Minister baptize anie children in anie Basin or other vessel then in the ordinarie Font, being placed in the Church, according to the 81. canon, or doth vse to put anie Basin into it.

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WWhether haue you in your seuerall churches and chappels the booke of constitutions, or canons Ecclesiasticall, ready to bee read by your minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure, published by his Highnesse authoritie vnder the great seale of England.

2 Whether is there in your church or chappell one parchment Register Booke provided for Christnings, Variages, and Burials : and whether is the same duely and exactly kept according to the Constitutions in that behalfe provided : and a transcript thereof brought in yerely, within one moneth after Easter, into my Lord Bishops principall Registers Office : And whether doth your minister vpon euerie Sundae read the names of all such as haue bene married, christned, or buried in the weeke before.

3 Whether haue you provided a faire great Bible of the last Translation,

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tion, the booke of Common prayer, lately commanded by his Maiesties authoritie onely to be used: and the Booke of Homilies, and two Psalters: and whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone set vp in the ancient vsuall place, a conuenient & decent Communion Table, standing vpon a frame, with a carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire Altmen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time: and whether is the same then placed in such conuenient sort within the Chancel or Church, as that the minister may be best heard in his prayer and Administration, and that the greater number may communicate: And whether are the Ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the wals likewise, for the same purpose?

4 Whether haue you a conuenient seat for your Minister to read seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same: a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion Cup of siluer, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of Diuine Service, and administration of the Sacraments; and a strong chest for the Almes of the poore, with thre locks and keyes, and another chest for the keeping of the Ornaments of the church and Register booke.

5 How many Bells are there at this present hanging in the Bell-fræ of your Parish church: And how many haue there bene heretofore: whether any of your said Bells haue bene taken downe and sold, or made away, and what other church-goods are now wanting in your said church?

6 Whether are your Churches or Chappels, with the chancels therof, & your Parsonage, or Vicarage house, and all other housing thereto belonging, in good reparations, and decent and comely kept, as well within as without, the seats well maintained, your church-yards well fenced, and kept without abuse, according to the 85 canon: If not, then through whose default, and what defects are: All these things in these Articles, to be prepared, according to the canons vnder the Title appertaining to churches.

7 Whether haue you since the last Metropolitall Visitation of the most Reuerend Father, the now Lord Arch-bishop of Canterbury) taken a true Terrier of all the Glebe-land, Houses, Tenements, Orchards, Gardens, and portions of Tithes (whether within your Parish or without) belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage, and deliuered the same into the office of the Register of this Diocese?

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Articles concerning Schoole-masters.

Whether the Schoole-master or Schoole-masters within your parish, openly or priuately; in any Noble or Gentlemans house, or in any other place, be of god and sincere religion, life, and conuersation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth, and whether they haue bene examined, allowed, and licenced for Schoole-masters, by the Ordinarie in that behalfe: and how many seuerall Schoole-masters haue you, and what be their names:

2 Whether your Schoole-master or Schoole-masters, do themselves receiue the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe: and whether do all your Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacity by instruction, to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the Communion, either in your Church, or where their Parents dwell, once euerie yeare, and be diligent to heare common prayer:

3 Whether the Schoolemaster, or Schoolemasters, either priuate or publicke, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorized by publicke Authoritie, at the least once euerie weeke, and doe instruct and examine them in the same, and do teach any other catechisme, and what catechisme is it that they doe so teach:

4 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them, be known or suspected to read vnto their Schollers priuately, any vniuersall books, or priuately to instruct them in their young yeeres, either in popery, superstition, or disobedience, or contempt to his Maiestie, and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall by publicke authoritie allowed:

5 What Recusant Papists are there in your Parish: and whether doe they, or any of them keep any Schoolemaster in their house, which cometh not to Church, to heare Divine Service, and receiue the Communion: what is his name: and how long hath he taught:

6 Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammar then that which is called the Kings Grammar, set forth by the authoritie of King Henry the eight, teaching the booke of the same thereof, whereby the Schollers may perfectly vnderstand their Grammar rules and constructions:

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Whether is there any within your Parish, that hath or doth impugn the Kings Maiesties Supremacie and authority in causes Ecclesiasticall, or doe in any sort, or in any part impugn the same, being referred to the Crowne by the Lawes of this Realme established in that behalfe:

Whether is there any in your Parish that denieth the Church of England:

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England, by Law established under the Kings most excellent Maiestie, to be a true and Apostolicall Church, teaching and maintaining the doctrine of the Apostles.

3 Whether is there any in your Parish that doe impugn any of the Articles of Religion, agreed vpon in Anno 1562. and established in the Church of England?

4 Whether is there any in your Parish, that doth impugn or speake against the Rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull use of them, you shall present their names.

5 Whether are there any in your Parish that doe impugn the government of the Church of England, vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by Arch-bishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, & the rest that beare office in the same, affirming that the same is Antichristian, or repugnant to the word of God.

6 Whether is there any in your Parish, that impugn the forme of consecrating & ordaining of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, or Deacons: affirming that the same is repugnant to the word of God, or that they, who are so ordered in that same forme, are not lawfully made.

7 Whether is there any in your parish, that doth hold or frequent any conventicles or priuate meetings, and there doe confer, to agree vpon any priuate doers, other then such as are by the canons set forth by publique authoritie, so be by them, or any others in Church government observed?

8 Whether any persons haue drunken or tippled in Tavernes or Alehouse on Sundayes or other Holidayes, or used his or their manuell craft or trade, to keepe their shops open vpon the said dayes, or any of them, and especially in the time of diuine Service.

9 Whether are there any in your Parish that doe or haue prophaned (since his Maiesties last generall pardon) the Lords day, called Sunday, or other Holidayes, contrarie to the orders of the Church of England prescribed in that behalfe.

10 Whether hath any person in your parish quarrelled, stricken, or used any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in the Church, or Churchyard, or played himself disorderly in the Church by singing and prophane talke, or any other rude and inuolunt behauiour.

11 Whether is that due reuerence & humble submission used in your Church or Chappell in the time of diuine Service, as by the 18 Constitution is prescribed: and whether each one in the Church or Chappell do apply to or be himselfe there, in time of diuine Service, as by the latter part of the same Constitution is commendably enioyned?

12 Whether the Church wardens and Questmen, from time to time, doe their diligence in not suffering any idle persons or Loiterers to abide either

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either in the Church-yard or Church-porch in Service or Sermon time, but causing them either to come into Church to heare Divine Service, or to depart, and not to disturbe such as are hearers there.

13 Whether the Church-wardens doe prouide against euery communion with the aduice of the minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Beewater, or other pure metall.

14 Whether haue anie in your Parish bene Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne childzen : or whether your Minister, or anie Godfathers or Godmothers haue vsed, or doe vse anie other forme, answer, or speech in Baptisme, then is in the booke of common prayer appoynted : Or whether anie which haue not communicated, bee admitted to bee Godmothers, contrary to the 29 canon.

15 Whether is there any in your Parish that doe refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher : you shall present their names. And if your Minister, sitthence the publishing of the sayd Booke of Canons, haue receiued any such persons (being not of his owne cure) to the communion, or baptized any of their childzen, you shall likewise present him.

16 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Mistresses, cause their childzen, seruants, and apprentices, to come to the catechisme vpon the Sundais and Holy-daies befoze Euening prayer, to heare, and to bee instructed and taught therein : and those that doe not their duties here in, you shall present their names.

17 Whether haue you or your predecessors Churchwardens there suffered since the last pardon, any plates, banquets, feasts, church-ales, drinkings, or any other prophane vsages, to be kept in your church, chappell, or church-yards, or hels to be rung superstitiously vpon Holidayes, or eues, abrogated by the booke of common prayer, contrary to the 68 canon.

18 How many inhabitants within your parish, men or women, aboue the age of xvi. yerres, doe refuse to frequent diuine Service established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein : what be their names, and of what degree, state or trade of life are they : you are to present them all of both sorts.

19 Whether doe any of the inhabitants of your said parish entertaine within their house any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine Service, or receiue the holy Communion, as aforesayd, what be their names, of what quality or condition are they :

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20 Whether are any of the sayd popish Recusants of insolent behaviour not without publike offence, or doe boldly waste themselves in seducing and withdrawing others, either abroad or in their owne families, by enstrusting their children in popish religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest service or trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of Religion, and what be their names that so doe?

21 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from diuine Service, or from the Communion, as is aforesayd: whether of any long time, or onely since his Maiesties raigne, and how long?

22 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesayd, or for any other contumacie or crime, doe remaine excommunicated, what be their names, and for what cause, and how long haue they stood excommunicate?

23 Whether were you the Churchwardens & Quest-men chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners in Easter weeke, according vnto the 89 and 90 Canons, and whether haue the Churchwardens before you, given by a iust account for their time, and deliuered to you their successors whatsoeuer money, or other things of right belonging to the Church, that was in their hands: according to the 89 canon?

24 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of sirtene yeres, vsually resort to heare diuine Service vpon Sundayer and Holidayer approued, and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of sirtene yeres, as aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yere, chiefly once at Easter in your parish Church kneeling: if no, then you shall present their names which haue not so done.

25 Whether haue you a fit parish Clark, aged twenty yeres at least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing, and whether hee bee payd his wages without fraud, according to the most ancient custome of your parish, if not then by whom is he so defrauded and denied, and whether he be chosen by the Parson, or Vicar, or by whom, according to the 91 canon: is the Parish Clarke approued by the Ordinary, and doth he kepe the church cleane, and the doores lockt, is he diligent and seruiceable to the minister?

26 Whether haue any in your parish bene married within the prohibited degrees, forbidden by the Law, and expressed in a certaine Table, published by authoritie in the yere 1563, if yea, then you shall present their names: and whether haue you the sayd Table publickly set in your Church, and fastned to some conuenient place there?

27 Whether doth any heretofore dinoted, keepe company with any other

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other at bed and at board, as man and wife, what be their names, when and where they were married, and how long they so continued :

29 Whether haue you any in your Parish to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, which haue committed adulterie, fornication, or incest, or any Bawds, harborers, or receivers of such persons, or publike ly suspected thereof, which haue not bene publicly punished to your knowledge : if yea, then with whom : And togethcr are there any which are by common fame & report reputed & taken to bee common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods most holy name, common & vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discorde among their neighbours ; or speakers against Ministers marriages, Usurers, contrary to the statute made in the 37. yere of Henry the eight, Symoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers in Church or Church-yard : you shall not faile to present their names.

29 Whether haue any in your parish receiued or harboured any woman begotten with childe out of wedlocke, and suffered them againe to depart without penance first enacted vpon them by the Ordinary : You shall truly present as well the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to haue committed Incontinency with her.

30 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe, or in what place else is hee or shee now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard : you shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

31 Whether ther be any person or persons, Ecclesiasticall or Temporal, within your Parish or elsewhere within this Diocesse, that haue retained or kept in their custodie, or that read, sell, utter disperse, carrie or deliuer to others, any English booke or libells, set forth either on this side, or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries, against the Kings supremacy, in causes Ecclesiasticall, or against true Religion and Catholike doctrine now publicly professed in this Church, or the Government or Discipline of the Church of England, now within this Realme receiued and established by common Authority, and what their Names and surnames are :

32 Whether there be any in your Parish, who are noted, knowne, or suspected to conceale, or keepe hidden in their houses any Masse-booke, Prayers, Breuiaries, or other booke of Popery or superstition, or anie Chalice, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other Ornamentals of superstition, vncancelled or vndeaced, which is to bee coniectured, they doe keepe for a day ; as they call it :

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33 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers.

34 Whether there be any Inkepers, Ale-wiues, Victuallers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons in their Houses, to Eat, Drinke, or play at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowles, or such like Games, in the time of common Prayer, or Sermon, on Sundais or Holydaies; or any Butchers or others that commonly vse to sell meate, or other things in the time of common prayer, preaching, or reading of Homilies: And whether in any Faies or common markets falling vpon Sundais, there be shewing of any wares before morning prater be done: And whether any Markets and selling of wares, be vsed or suffered in any Church-yards on the Saboth day, by common Backe-men and Pedlers, going about, or any Butchers:

35 Whether hath your Minister or any of your Parish, without the consent or priuie of the Ordinary, caused any to doe penance, or be punished, either openly or otherwise, for any crime, punishable by Ecclesiasticall Lawes onely: and what be the Names of the parties that haue bene so punished, and in what manner:

36 Whether there be any in your Parish, who will come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer, appointed by the booke of common prayer, making a Schisme or diuision (as it were) betwene the vse of publike Prayer and Preaching. And whether there be any who being present at publike prayer, doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees at such times as by the booke of common prayer they are appointed; to wit, when they make a generall confession of their sins: when all Prayers and Collects are read: and at the receiuing of the Holy Communion, &c. And what are their Names, that haue at any time shewed themselves vndutifull and vnreuerend in that behalfe.

37 Whether there bee any married women or others within your parish, which after child-birth, refuse or contemne to come to the Church, to giue God thanks for their safe deliuey, and to haue their prayers publickly appointed in that behalfe, by the booke of Common Prayer.

38 Whether any within your Parish, doe resort into Barnes, Fields, Woods, priuate houses, or to any extraordinary exposition of Scriptures, or conferences together: or that be drauers, or perswaders of others, to any such schismaticall conuenticle.

39 Whether any doe keepe their children vnbaptized longer then is conuenient: unlessse that it be for sicknesse of the childe, or other urgent occasion: And whether any doe carry their children from the Parish they
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are bozne in, to other parishes to be baptized, and so refuse their owne parish : or doe bzing strange Ministers into their owne houses, to baptize their children priuately, according to their owne Fantasies :

40 Whether you haue knowne or heard any Fiddlers or Spinners, or any other persons, which goe vnder the name of Quakers and Maytes, which either at Weddings, Churchings, or any other Feasts, or meetings, haue sung, or vse to sing any Songs, Ballads, or Rimes, tending to the disgrace of Religion, or the Ministers thereof : or tending to Profanenes, or the corruption of good manners : You shall truly present the names of such, if you know them, or can learne them : As also the names of the Householder, or Householdiers, in whose house or houses they haue sung such songs, as also the particular names of them befoze whom they haue sung them.

41 Whether doe the Church-wardens of your parish, loke diligently to the mending of the Church-ways : and whether the said waies bee at the time of the yeare so sufficiently mended, that the Parishioners may conueniently come to Church, from all places of the parish in winter time.

42 Whether doe you know of any other matter, of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy the presentment in your Iudgement, aboue not expressed, which you hold fit to be reformed. And if you doe, you shall likewise present the same, by vertue of your Oathes.

AT the deliuey of your bill of *Presentment*, you are likewise in the sayd bill to set downe the names of all such as haue beene buried at any time, since the last *Visitation*, being Men, Mayds, or Widowes. And likewise the Minister, Church-wardens, and Side-men of euery parish, must in the sayd bill of *Presentment*, set downe besides their presenting, which they make of all *Recusants* and *Non-communicants*, this Note following.

Recusants Men -----
Recusants Women -----
Non-communicants of both Sex
Communicants of both Sex --- }
in the whole Parish. }

So set downe the number of euery one, The Minister, Church-wardens, and Side-men, must put their hands to this note. And the olde Church-wardens are to be chosen Side-men.